

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Public Lands Section
5112 State Office Building**

July 11, 2006

Minutes

Member Present:

ZAREKARIZI, Susan - Parks and Recreation
BIRKES, Bill - DEQ/Division of Drinking Water
GRIERSON, Dave – Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
JAMES, Bill – Division of Wildlife Resources
REICHERT, Mike – DEQ/Division of Water Quality
CLARK, Robert – DEQ/Division of Air Quality
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pam – Div. of Oil Gas and Mining
CHRISTY, Kim – Trust Lands Administration
REICHERT, Mike DEQ/Division of Drinking Water
STONELY, Todd – Division of Water Resources

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – Public Lands Section
JEMMING, Jonathan – Public Lands Section
HANSEN, Mike - GOPB
HUNSAKER, Lori – Public Lands Section
LANDURETH, Brenda - DNR
SEDDON, Matthew – Division of State History

Susan Zarekarizi vice chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:07 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes/Announcements

The minutes from the June 13, 2006 meeting were approved with minor corrections, spelling of Seddon should read Seddon, the minutes were approved by Pam Grubaugh-Littig and seconded by Matt Seddon the motion passed unanimously.

II. Changes in Utah's Antiquities and Historic Laws – Lori Hunsaker (PLPCO)

Changes in Utah's Antiquities and Historic Sites Laws: Changes in the Utah SHPO Consultation Process and the Utah Archaeological Permitting System, Lori Hunsaker, Archaeological Permitting Analyst for Public Lands Policy Coordination Office (PLPCO) and Matthew Seddon, Ph.D., Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

On March 17, 2006 Governor John Huntsman signed House Bill 139, which amended our state's antiquities and historic sites laws. The Utah Code was updated to reflect these amendments on May 01, 2006. The purpose of these laws is to insure that our state will not allow the destruction of our cultural heritage without consideration. These are "think about it" laws not regulatory laws.

Changes include Title 9, (Community and Culture Development) Chapter 8 (History Development), Part 3 (Antiquities) and Part 4 (Historic Sites). Primarily U.C. 9-8-404 (Agency Responsibilities), U.C. 9-8-305 (Archaeological Permitting) and 9-8-404 (Agency Responsibilities – SHPO) to comment on undertaking – PLPCO may require joint analysis and together outline agency responsibilities SHPO's role is advisory (not regulatory) and no longer includes comments of the Antiquities Section on how to maximize information. Joint analysis considers the cost of the undertaking, land ownership, likelihood of presence and the nature and type of historic properties that may be affected by the undertaking, and clear and distinctive

alternatives for the identification, recovery, or excavation of historic properties. This includes ways to maximize the amount of information recovered and scientifically report that information. Agencies should focus on the resource not the process.

The Utah Legislature, through House Bill 139, transferred the authority to issue permits to survey and excavate for archaeological resources on state lands from the Division of State History to the PLPCO.

Individuals will qualify for permits rather than companies or agencies but applicants must meet specific criteria including a graduate degree, professional field and analytical experience. The Role of principal investigator has expanded. Applications for survey and excavation permits will be available on the PLPCO website <http://governor.utah.gov/publiclands.default.htm>. The presentation is also will be sent out with the minutes from this meeting.

III. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), reported that the Division is celebrating the Oil and Gas Commissions 50th anniversary. DOGM is very busy with oil and gas activities. A surface coal mining application was submitted the end of June for the Coal Hollow Project (fee coal on fee land) near Alton, Utah. Bureau of Land Management is working on Environmental Impact Statement for federal leases.

GOPB has welcomed John Nixon as its new director. He will be looking closely at the State Planning Coordinator statute.

Planning grant applications have been reviewed and a number show promise. Of note to RDCC are the critical lands planning applications from Washington, Cache, and Wasatch Counties. Garfield, Tooele, and Box Elder Counties are applying for Comprehensive Resource Management Plan funding, and Iron County's proposal for the development of a spatial growth model is likely to be funded.

The SPRING noticing tool needs design work, and will be presented at multiple conferences this fall.

Dave Grierson, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands reported that the Green River Oil and Gas Hydrocarbon Leasing (PML #6531) has been pulled in response to comments received.

A PLPCO organizational chart is available.

IV. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

No items were discussed.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m. The next RDCC meeting will be held August 8, 2006 at the State Office Building, at 9:00 a.m., in room 5112.

